

1 **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

2 **CO-RESPONSE**

3 2022 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Andrew Stoddard**

6 Senate Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill creates a grant program to be administered by the State Commission on
11 Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ creates a grant program, to be administered by the State Commission on Criminal
15 and Juvenile Justice, to provide a co-response program where a peace officer and a
16 social worker respond jointly to an incident where mental health may be a factor.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

19 ▶ to the Governor's Office – Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice – CCJJ
20 Commission as a one-time appropriation:

- 21 • from the General Fund, One-time, \$8,000,000.

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26 **63M-7-218**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **63M-7-218** is enacted to read:

30 **63M-7-218. Mental health co-response grant program.**

31 (1) As used in this section, "co-response model" means a response model that deploys a
32 peace officer and a social worker in response to an incident involving trespassing, drug use, or
33 other illegal or unsafe conduct, where:

34 (a) mental health may be a factor; and

35 (b) the assistance of a social worker, responding with a peace officer, may result in
36 better outcomes, including avoiding incarceration or reducing the possibility of future criminal
37 conduct.

38 (2) The State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice shall:

39 (a) establish and administer a grant program ~~H→~~ [i] ~~←H~~ for law enforcement agencies

39a ~~H→~~ [within a

40 ~~county of the first class or second class,] ~~←H~~ to implement a co-response model; and~~

41 (b) establish requirements, including tracking and reporting requirements, for a law
42 enforcement agency that receives a grant for a co-response model.

43 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

44 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
45 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
46 fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
47 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
48 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

49 ITEM 1

50 To Governor's Office -- Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

51 From General Fund, One-time \$8,000,000

52 Schedule of Programs:

53 CCJJ Commission \$8,000,000

54 The Legislature intends that:

55 (1) appropriations provided under this section be used for the mental health
56 co-response grant program described in Section [63M-7-218](#);

57 (2) no more than \$120,000 of the appropriation described in Subsection (1) may be
58 used for expenses to administer the grant program; and

59 (3) under Section [63J-1-603](#), appropriations provided under this section not lapse at the
60 close of fiscal year 2023 and the use of any nonlapsing funds is limited to the purpose
61 described in Subsections (1) and (2).